AFCEA PKI Roundtable
PKI Implementation Lessons Learned
(Service Perspective)
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Agenda

- **Where we are today**

    - **Infrastructure Perspective**
    - **User Perspective**

- **Lessons Learned**

Infrastructure Perspective

- **The Navy Department has deployed a Class 4 PKI to support DMS**
  - **Over 90 CAs at Multiple Security Levels**
  - **Have distributed over 42K Tokens**
- **Navy Class 3 LRA infrastructure is growing**
  - **About 100 LRAs currently established**
  - **Issuance of server certs significantly increasing to meet DoD milestone - over 500 issued**
  - **Relatively few individual certs issued - over 1700 identity and 1000 e-mail. Target audience is >800K**
- **Planning begun to convert to R2.0**

User Perspective

- **Several PKI Pilots are underway**
  - **NAVSUP Navy Acquisition and One Touch Supply - which is in process of converting to DoD PKI**
  - **Implementations of Medium Grade Services (MGS) at NAVSEA, SPAWAR and DON CIO**
  - **NAVSAFECEN Outlook Web Access in process of converting to DoD PKI**
  - **DON CIO smart card based network access**
- **Server SSL implementations are growing**
- **Several Client-Server implementations operational**

Lessons Learned - DMS Perspective

- **Distributed CA infrastructure is difficult to maintain**
- **Ensuring token and pin distribution in accordance with CP sometimes requires significant planning**
- **Archive requirements**
- **Application to multiple security levels**
  - **Separate Infrastructures**
  - **Token Issues**
- **CRL issuance/use & update**
- **Tactical implementation**
  - **Access to directory**
  - **Token replacement**

Lessons Learned - DoD Medium Assurance

- **Obtaining certificates - process & renewal**
- **Length of certificate life - ability to specify**
- **Adequate user identification - foreign nationals**
- **Available uses for certificates - enabled apps**
- **Adequate training/documentation**
- **Enabling applications**
  - **E-Mail**
    - **As transparent as possible to user**
    - **Directory interaction**
    - **Certificate validity verification**
  - **Client-Server**
    - **PKI and SSL - performance impact**
    - **Certificate validity verification**